(c) There is no definite infirmation that drug offenders are actively assisted by foreign agencies across the border. However, arrangements for gethering of intelligence and exchange of intelligence between the different agencies have been streamlined.

(d) The number of Indian and foreign national arrested in 1992 and in 1993 (upto October) are given below :—

	1992	upto 1993 (Oct.)
Indian persons arrested . . .	12734	9870
Foreign nationals arrested . . .	116	129

(e) Training is being imparted to the enforcement officers of various agencies to improve their effectiveness. A part of the Indo-Pakistan border has been fenced. The strength of enforcement agencies in the border areas has been enhanced. Equipment has also been supplied to some enforcement agencies to improve their mobility and communication facilities in the border areas.

हवाला गिरोह

1431. श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :
श्री महेन्द्र सिंह लाठर :
श्री राम नरेश यादव :

क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को दुबई में फल-फूल रहे हवाला गिरोह के हमारे देश के विभिन्न भागों विशेष रूप से दिल्ली, मुम्बई तथा कलकत्ता में संबंध होने की जानकारी है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो हवाला गिरोह का पता लगाने के लिए सरकार द्वारा क्या-क्या प्रयास किए गए हैं और उनके क्या परिणाम प्राप्त हुए हैं; और

(ग) इस संबंध में अन्य ब्यौरा क्या है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम०वी० चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) : (क) से (ग) हवाला गिरोह को रोकने के लिए सरकार ने समान विनिमय दर की शुरुआत, कोफेपोसा के अधीन विदेशी मुद्रा के गिरोह की नजरबन्दी, वि०मु०वि०अ० (फेरा) के अधीन उचित कार्रवाई जैसे अनेक कदम उठाए हैं। हवाले के मामले में प्रीमियम में कमी के संकेत हैं।

Smuggling of Arms and Ammunition

1432. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Govrenment's attention has been drawn to a report published in the 'Observer', New Delhi of 3rd September, 1993 under the caption patrolling along Kerala, TN coast intensified to stop ship with arms ;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard ; and

(c) what steps have been taken by the Customs and Central Excise Agencies to check the smuggling arms and ammunition into the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKHAR MURTHY) : (a) Government is aware of the News Report.

(b) Intelligence was received on the possibility of a ship attempting to land a consignment of explosives on the Southern Costline. However surveillance and patrolling did not reveal anything.

(c) Customs & Central Excise formations concerned with anti-smuggling remain